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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

### **A. Background**

BLM Office: \_\_ Kremmling \_\_\_\_\_ Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Number:** DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2012-026-CX

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Transfer of grazing preference on Allotment 07153 (Grizzly Mexican Ridge) from Evans Cattle Co. LLC to Don Wamsley.

**Location of Proposed Action:**

07153 (Grizzly Mexican Ridge)  
T. 6 N., R .81 W., Sec 5, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

**Description of Proposed Action:** The Proposed Action would transfer livestock grazing preference on 07153 (Grizzly Mexican Ridge) from Evans Cattle Co. LLC to Don Wamsley.

The allotment boundary has been changed on Allotment 07153 to better manage grazing. There would be approximately 100 less BLM administered acres in this new allotment configuration. See before and after maps below for new boundary.

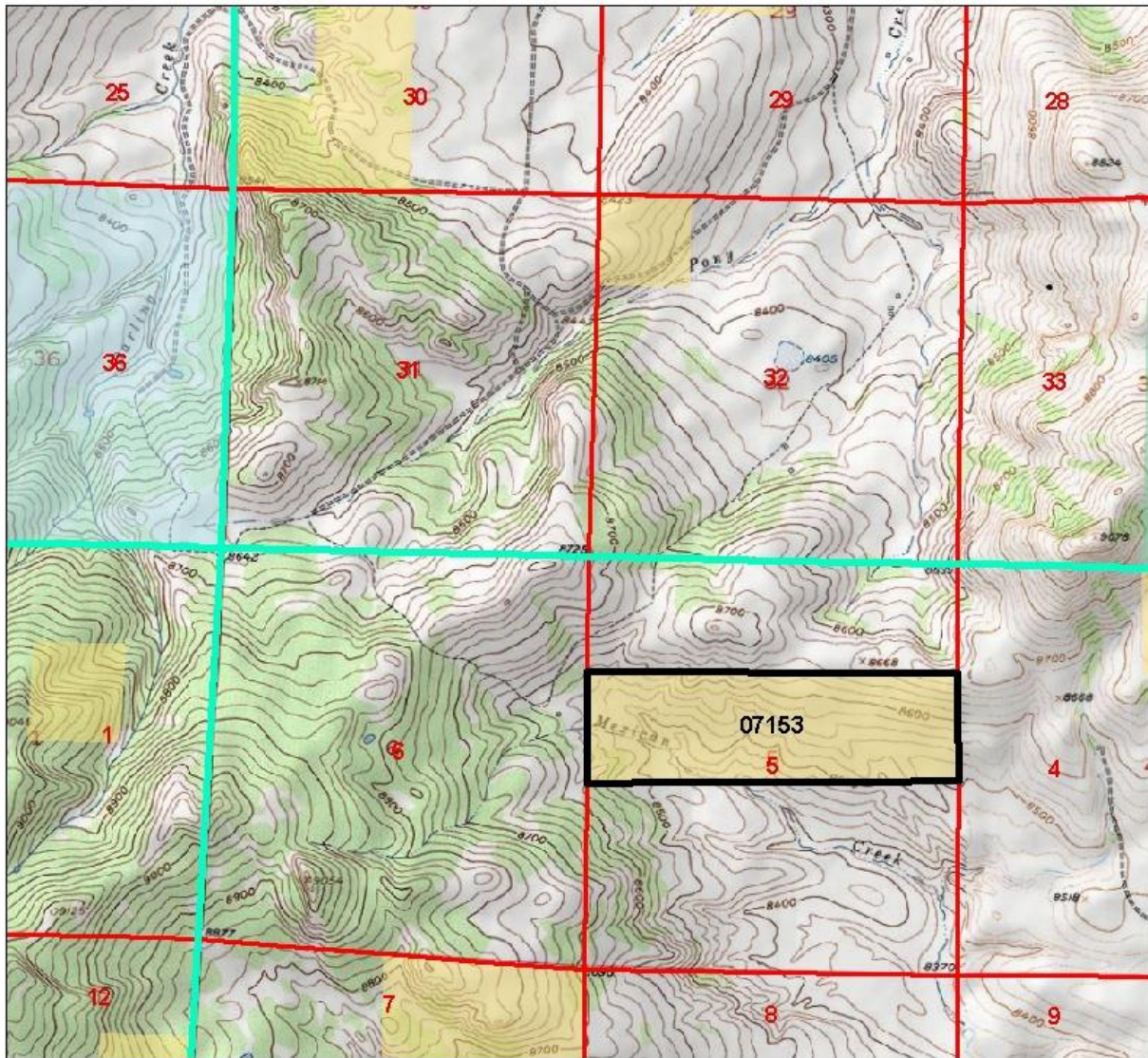
Grazing preference on Allotment 07153 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock Number Kind	Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs*
07153	52 Cattle	6/1-6/30	100	52

\*AUM = animal unit month = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.



# New Allotment Boundary 07153



- allotment7126
- 07153\_newboundary
- County Roads
- U.S./State
- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- State
- State Forest

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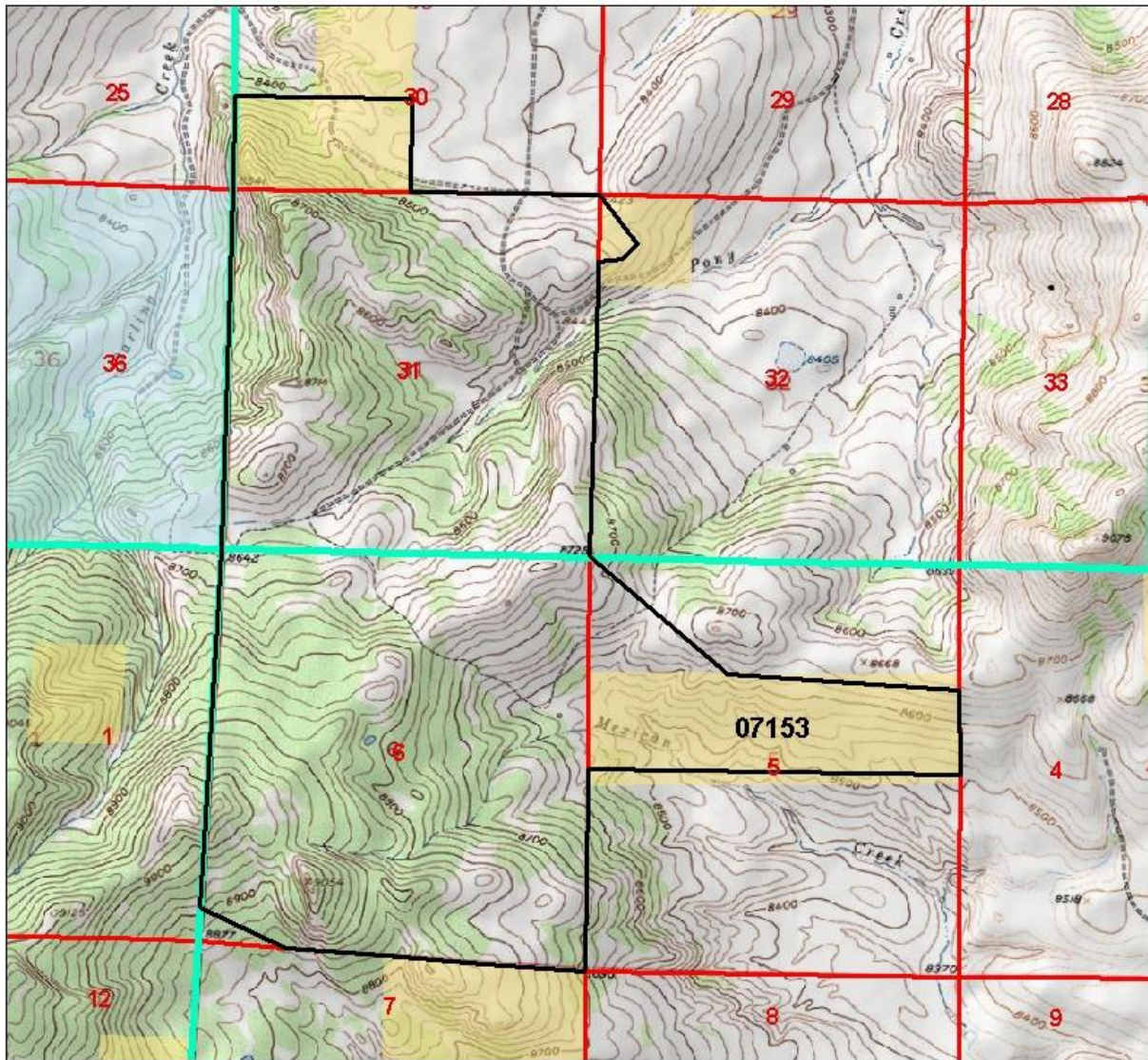
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# Previous Allotment Boundary 07153



- allotment 7126
- allotment 7153 for bill
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**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Livestock grazing pages 6 through 8, as revised

Decision Language: Objectives of the RMP/ROD include allocation of a base level of livestock forage and maintaining or improving forage production and condition in areas where livestock grazing is a priority or is compatible with the land use priority.

**C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.0, D (1): "Approval of transfers of grazing preference".

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>	<b>Date Review Completed</b>
Bill Wyatt	Archeologist	Cultural/Archeological/Paleo	2/13/2012
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil/Water/Air/Riparian	2/13/2012
Susan Cassel	Associate FO Manager	NEPA	2/27/2012
Neilie Tibbs	Rangeland Manager	Veg/Grazing/Weeds	02/10/2012
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	2/23/2012
Monkouski	Recreation Planner	Recreation/Wilderness/TTM	2/23/2012

**D. Signature**

Authorizing Official: \_\_Susan Cassel\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_2/27/2012\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Name: \_\_Susan Cassel\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_Associate Field Manager\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person**

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**DECISION RECORD**  
**DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2012-026-CX**

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The existing permit for grazing is in good standing. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock preference as expressed in AUMs with the new permittee.

The livestock producer benefits from a renewed livestock grazing permit/lease to graze forage on BLM administered land. Livestock grazing on BLM administered land is an integral part of the livestock producer's operation, and an important part of local rural economies.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel

DATE SIGNED: 2/27/2012